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SUBJECT : AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE - PRESIDENT  
TOURE CALLS FOR REORGANIZATION OF ILO AND IOL

1. 12TH CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS OPENED ON  
MARCH 18 WITH SPEECHES BY GUINEAN AND MALIAN LABOR MIN-  
ISTERS AND GUINEAN PRESIDENT AHMED SEKOU TOURE. AS OF  
OPENING, DELEGATIONS FROM 36 AFRICAN COUNTRIES WERE  
PRESENT. GUINEAN GOVERNMENT SENT SPECIAL INVITATIONS TO  
MALAWI, SENEGAL, AND IVORY COAST BUT EMBASSY DOES NOT YET  
KNOW WHETHER DELEGATIONS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES HAVE YET  
ARRIVED.

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2. MAIN POINTS OF TOURE'S SPEECH WERE CALLS FOR MINISTERS TO: A) THINK ABOUT AND DEVISE WAYS TO DEAL WITH "ALIENATION" OF WORKERS FROM THEIR WORK RESULTING FROM THEIR EXPERIENCES OF FORCED LABOR DURING COLONIAL PERIOD; B) REORGANIZE ILO AND IOL; C) TO CONSIDER WHAT TO DO ABOUT BRAIN DRAIN OF AFRICAN WORKERS WHO HAVE GONE TO THE US AND WESTERN EUROPE.

3. TO DEAL WITH POINT C PRESIDENT RECOMMENDED ACTION TO ASSURE AFRICAN WORKERS FAIR TREATMENT ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY ARE WORKING. HE DENOUNCED INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ATTRACTING AFRICAN WORKERS AT "DISQUIETING" PACE AND THEN DISCOURAGING THEM FROM RETURNING TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

4. AFTER CHARACTERIZING WORLD AS DIVIDED INTO THREE MAIN GROUPS -- SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES -- TOURE CALLED FOR REORGANIZATION OF ILO AND IOL TO REFLECT THIS ORGANIZATION AND ADAPT THEIR STRUCTURE TO IT. HE RECOMMENDED ABOLITION OF PRESENT ORGANIZATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF 3 COMMISSIONS OR SUB-BUREAUS BASED ON HIS ANALYSIS. TOURE ALSO ATTACKED ILO AND IOL FOR HARBORING "SUBVERSIVES" AND "TRAITORS" WHO ARE OVERTLY HOSTILE TO THE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF THEIR COUNTRIES. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT "CERTAIN STATES" ARE NEVER CONSULTED BEFORE THEIR NATIONALS ARE RECRUITED BY ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE IOL. THESE ATTACKS CAME AFTER SECTION OF HIS SPEECH DEALING WITH RATIONALIZATION OF AID PROJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

5. COMMENT: PRESIDENT TOURE HAS LONG BEEN CONCERNED WITH GUINEAN ELEMENTS HOSTILE TO HIS REGIME EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND HAS FREQUENTLY REFLECTED HIS SUSPICIONS OF FOREIGN EXPERTS SENT TO GUINEA. REGIONAL ILO OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE PROJECTS WITH HIM IN THE PAST BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COME TO AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF TOURE'S SUSPICION OF FOREIGN EXPERTS. END COMMENT.  
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